

Amendments to the Specification:

Please substitute the following for the Abstract:

A cross clamping device ~~comprising~~ comprises a base plate ~~has with~~ first and second legs and a clamping piece ~~that which~~ connects the two legs with each other. The cross clamping device also comprises a first clamp (2) screwed onto the first leg by a first screw (4), and a second clamp (3) screwed onto the second leg by a second screw (5). The base plate and the two clamps (2, 3) are formed such that ~~between the first and second clamps (2, 3),~~ a first bar (8), and ~~between the two clamps (2, 3) and the clamping piece of the base plate,~~ a second bar (9), which is rotated by 90° in relation to the first bar (8), are able to be clamped. By tightening of the first and second screws, (4, 5) the two bars (8, 9) are clamped. The two screws (4, 5) perform a double function, so that separate screws for clamping of the first bar (8) and for clamping of the second bar (9) are not necessary.